Misuse of Ircon Aircraft by Railways

284. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Railways misused Ircon Aircraft" published in the 'Statesman' dated the 25th December, 2001;

(b) if so, whether the Railways hired Ircon's aircraft at a number of times for unofficial purposes;

(c) if so, the facts and details thereof :

(d) whether any responsibility has been fixed by Government in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL) : (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.

Budgetary Support for Dismal Internal Source Generation in the Railways

285. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sought budgetary support from the Planning commission to overcome dismal internal source generation, during the last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (c) The Railway's Annual Plan consists of Budgetary Support and Internal and Extra Budgetary Resources. Proposals at the time of fixation of Annual Plans for next year are submitted to the Planning Commission which *inter-alia* discusses the financial position and likely availability of the resources for financing the Plan expenditure for next year. The position of